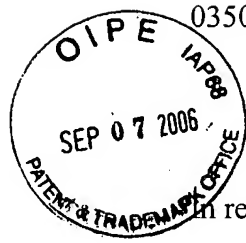


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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 3,490,037
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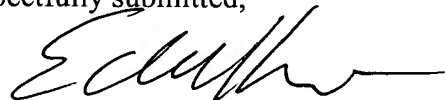
Documents (1) to (5) were cited during prosecution of the PCT application corresponding to the above National Phase application. A copy of the International Search Report was filed concurrently with the filing of the subject application and is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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